

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 314

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joan Irene Clelland,
2007 Valedictorian of Covenant Christian
Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joan Irene Clelland is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Covenant Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Clelland has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Joan has earned an exemplary 3.94 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous other accolades, including being named Distinguished Christian School Student 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clelland is an avid sports enthusiast and was a valuable member of her school's basketball and volleyball teams, serving both teams as captain; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader among her peers, Joan Clelland has served her fellow students on the student council for two years as vice president and as a member of the yearbook staff; and

WHEREAS, Joan Clelland has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship and volunteers her time and considerable talents to such worthy causes as

Habitat for Humanity, in addition to volunteer projects at a local nursing home and teaching Sunday School at her church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clelland's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at Montreat College in Montreat, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Joan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Russell and Holly Clelland, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Joan Clelland's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Joan Irene Clelland, 2007 Covenant Christian Academy Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.